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Legislation Text

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Nine (9) Vendor Contracts to Provide In-Home Services for Older Americans Act (OAA), Title III B and III E for FY2019.

Recommended Action: Approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Older Americans Act Title III B and Title III E vendor contracts and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Background: Older Americans Act Title III B (OAA III B) in-home, and Title III E Respite services are provided by area home health agencies to residents age 60 and older that are in need of attendant care, homemaker, and respite services to allow them to remain in the community and in the home environment of their choice. These vendor contracts are a part of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging's (CPAAA) FY 2019 Area Plan.

The Commission approved the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging's Area Plan for FY 2019 on July 11, 2018; these programs are outlined in the plan. This contract enables CPAAA to serve seniors in need of assistance to remain in the community and out of nursing facilities. The list of service providers is as follows:

A2Z Helping Hands
All Saint's Home Care
Associated Home Care
Diversified Family Services, dba: Loving Touch Home Health Care
Mercy Homecare
Miracle Home Care
Newton Healthcare Corp., dba: Newton Home Health
There's No Place Like Home, Inc., dba: Right At Home
St. Raphael Nursing Services, Inc.

Alternatives: The Board of County Commissioners could decide not to approve the contracts and pursue another option for provision of federally funded in-home services.

Financial Considerations: The vendor contract will reimburse providers for completed Homemaker, Attendant Care, and Respite services.

Contractors agree to accept compensation at the following rates established by CPAAA for the OAA Title III B in-home services, and OAA Title III E respite services for FY 2019.

The rates are:

Homemaker Services: \$16.00 per hour
Attendant Care Services: \$17.00 per hour
Respite Services: \$17.00 per hour

Funding Source:

Cost Center: 340575-19 Older Americans Act Title III B
340435-19 Older Americans Act Title III E

2019: \$236,741 Adopted Budget Federal Funding October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. No additional budget authority is being requested, sufficient budget authority exists in the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

Legal Considerations: The Older Americans Act of 1965 established the Administration on Aging and called for the creation of state units on aging (including Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services) and authorized area agencies on aging (CPAAA). The current federal law may be found at 42 U.S.C. 3001 et. seq. (Public Law 109-365). Approval is by simple majority vote.

Policy Considerations: There are no policy considerations.